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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MORRISON et al.

Serial No.: 10/045,657

Filed: November 7, 2001

For: **TISSUE SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY
AND METHOD**

Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: Rosiland Stacie Rollins

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Sir:

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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2004, the applicants make the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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